

An **Examiner's Amendment** to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. H. James Voeller , on 2/3/2011.

Examiner's Amendment to the Claims

Cancel claim 53.

In claim 47, line 3, after "selected " insert --- from the group consisting of ----.

In claim 47, line 15, after "acid" delete "of".

In claim 55, line 2, after "avidin of claim " delete "53" and substitute therefor --- 47 ---.

In claim ~~53~~⁵², line 6, after "as referenced by" insert --- the mature chicken avidin amino acid residue numbering of SEQ ID NO:1 ----.

Examiner's Amendments to the Specification

In page 1, underneath the title insert the following:

--- This application is the National Stage entry of PCT/FI2004/000679, filed 11/15/2004, which claims foreign priority to Finnish application 20031663, filed 11/14/2003. ---.

In page 6, bottom paragraph, delete " Figure 9. The" and substitute therefor --- Figures 9(A-C) show the ---.

The following is an **Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**: